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Comm: Following from Congressman Kersten to McLige and Walsh. REURTELS 1.2

and 243, May 19.

VERBATIM TEXT It has been reported that news services have been pressuring German authorities to open up proposed Munich hearings. State feels this may lead Germans to suspect bad faith on our part in agreements reached in Washington. Make certain that you afford no basis for such fears and if appropriate discourage such activities by newsmen or others. Otherwise German cooperation may be impaired. Believe that if publicity of hearings is delayed until after full documentation and organization of interviews it will have more effective impact. Further believe that delayed publicity will encourage full and frank testimony from larger group of witnesses.

Department is exploring possibility of executive interviews Berlin and Vienna. END VERBATIM TEXT

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